

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenichi SASAKI et al.

Art Unit: 3752

Application No.: 10/670,193

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: September 26, 2003

Attorney Dkt. No.: 12049-0013

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING SEAMLESS STEEL TUBES

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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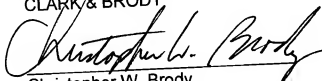
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application, particularly when Applicant will receive the first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no fee required for this submission, however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

Respectfully submitted,
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